

MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
NOVEMBER 23, 2010

The Southeast Cass Water Resource District met on November 23, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Thomas L. Fischer, Chairman; Mark Thelen, Manager; Mark Brodshaug, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kimberly Bomstad, Accounting Tech/Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Lee Beauvais and Chad Engels, Engineers for the Board; Mark Bittner, Fargo City Engineer; Jacob Gust, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1 Superintendent; Richard Lewis, West Fargo resident and Mike Manstrom, Dougherty & Company LLC (by telephone).

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2010, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of agenda order

It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve the order of the agenda, as amended. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects

Chad Engels reviewed the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects budget analysis. It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to submit a request for cost share to the State Water Commission on the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1 weir improvements project and the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2 Channel Improvements Project in Section 7 of Stanley Township. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss the potential effects of increased water releases from Devils Lake on the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects with Todd Sando.

Drain #21- slides east of the West Fargo lagoon

Jacob Gust said the slide area on Drain #21 east of the West Fargo lagoon is worsening. Mr. Engels said the solution will be very expensive because some type of filter system will be required. The Board will discuss the matter with the City of West Fargo. Mr. Engels said the matter is of common interest because the drain is a storm water outlet for the city. Manager Thelen will contact Kevin Bucholz, West Fargo City Engineer, to discuss the matter.

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2 – mowing

The Board discussed mowing on Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2. Manager Thelen would like a cost estimate from the City of West Fargo to do the work. Manager Brodshaug said the City of Horace has expressed interest in the past, so he would like them contacted as well.

Drain #27 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements

Lee Beauvais updated the Board on the Drain #27 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements Project. The contractor will be informed of the work that needs to be completed to avoid the assessment of liquidated damages. Sean Fredricks will check on the expiration date of the easements obtained for the project. Mark Bittner said the west containment levee is the most important to the City of Fargo. The Board wants to be sure protection is in place before spring.

Mike Manstrom spoke with the Board about meeting to discuss the bond sale relating to the project. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with Mr. Manstrom on December 9, 2010, in Bismarck. The Board will be in Bismarck at that time to attend the annual water convention.

Drain #53 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements

Mr. Beauvais updated the Board on the Drain #53 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements Project.

Chairman Fischer was now present.

Mr. Fredricks will check on the expiration date of the easements obtained for the project. Manager Thelen suggested stopping the appraisal on the property needed south of 64th Avenue South, unless the property owners indicate they are willing to try and resolve the matter. Chairman Fischer will contact the property owners on the matter.

Drain #3, #10 and #40 crossings at 19th Avenue North

Manager Brodshaug said he sat in on a meeting recently regarding 19th Avenue North. He suggested that if the roadway is redone, they look at the sizing of the crossings on Drains #3, #10 and #40. Mr. Fredricks will look into who owns the right-of-way at those locations.

Information from City of Fargo floodplain management meeting on November 16, 2010

Manager Thelen reported on a City of Fargo floodplain management meeting held on November 16, 2010. The city has a program where property owners can be reimbursed by the city for 100% of the cost to protect their property to 42', up to a total of \$20,000. Mark Bittner said the city is looking at revising that because they are seeing the need for more expensive remedies. Mr. Bittner explained that the city is also enforcing a moratorium on issuing building permits along rivers unless a specific criteria is met.

Manager Thelen said there was also discussion at the meeting about the city adopting some kind of floodplain management setback, similar to what has been done by Cass County. With regard to drains, the city is recommending 200' from the centerline of the drain, plus another 50 feet. Mr. Bittner will keep the Board informed on the matter.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve payment of Checks #9677 through #9690 and the electronic transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Fischer, Thelen and Brodshaug. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Sheyenne River Watershed Floodwater Detention Study

The Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to contact Darrell Vanyo, Cass County Commission Chairman, about scheduling a meeting with the Cass County Commission to review the Sheyenne River Watershed Floodwater Detention Study.

Wild Rice River Floodwater Retention Study

Mr. Engels said they are waiting for a model from Houston Engineering, Inc. to complete the Wild Rice River Floodwater Retention Study. Manager Thelen expressed concern about the delay in receiving the model. Manager Brodshaug said the information is needed so they can move ahead with Richland County.

It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to authorize the Water Resource District Attorney to send a letter to General Walsh, Aaron Snyder and Greg Evans, Corps of Engineers, to encourage completion of the 2009 modeling. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Thelen, seconded by Chairman Fischer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Fischer
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer